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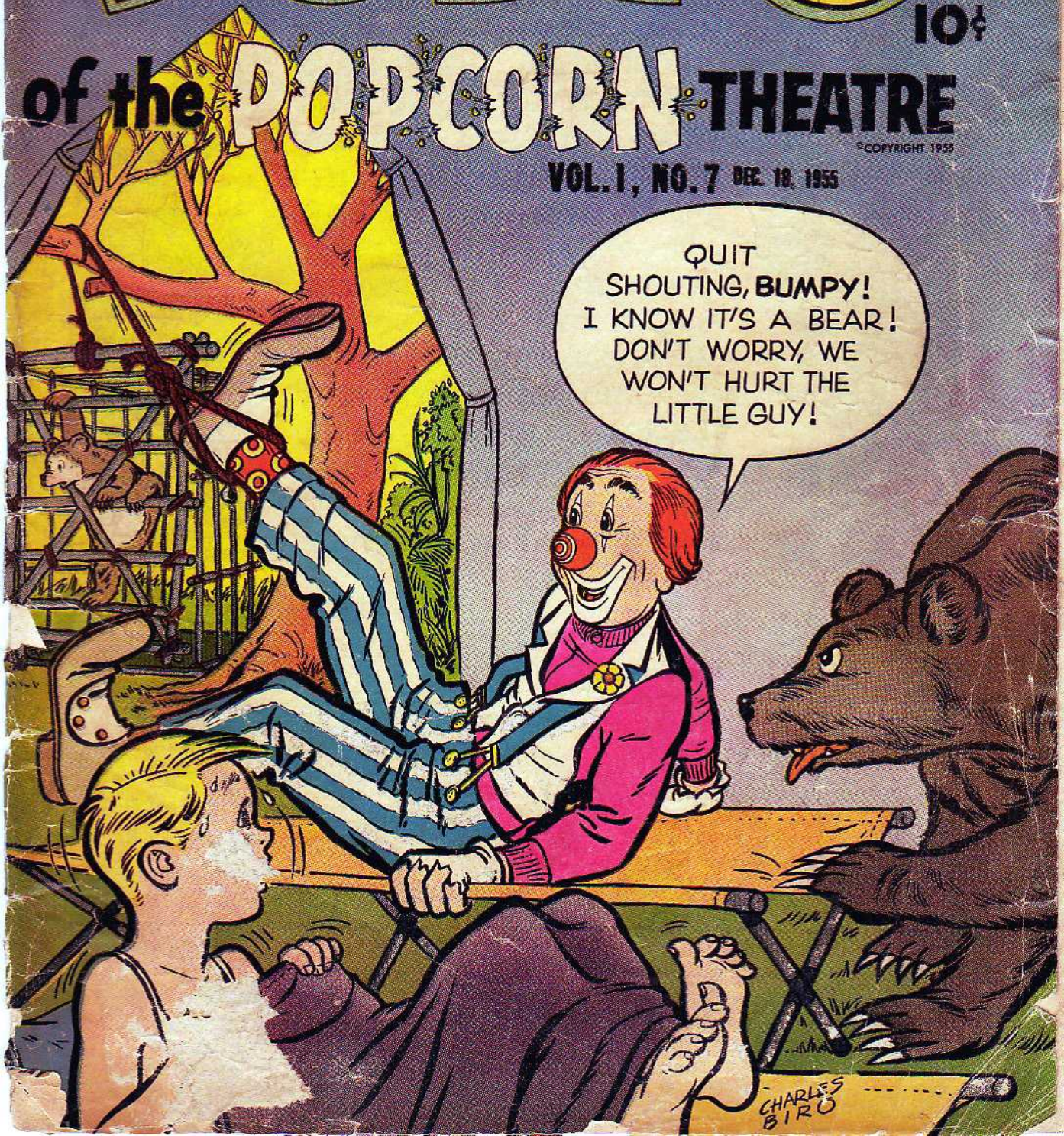
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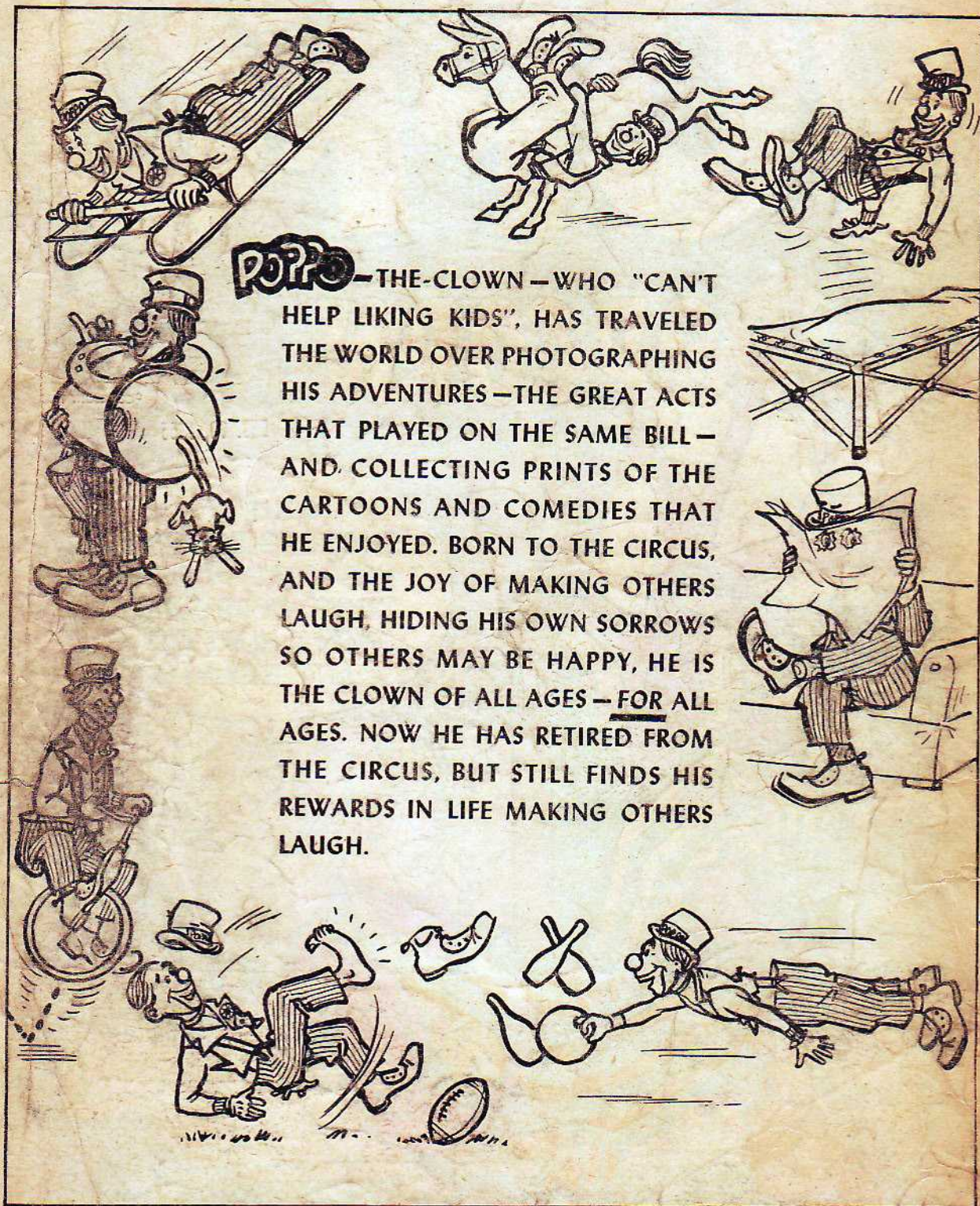
QUIT
SHOUTING, **BUMPY!**
I KNOW IT'S A BEAR!
DON'T WORRY, WE
WON'T HURT THE
LITTLE GUY!



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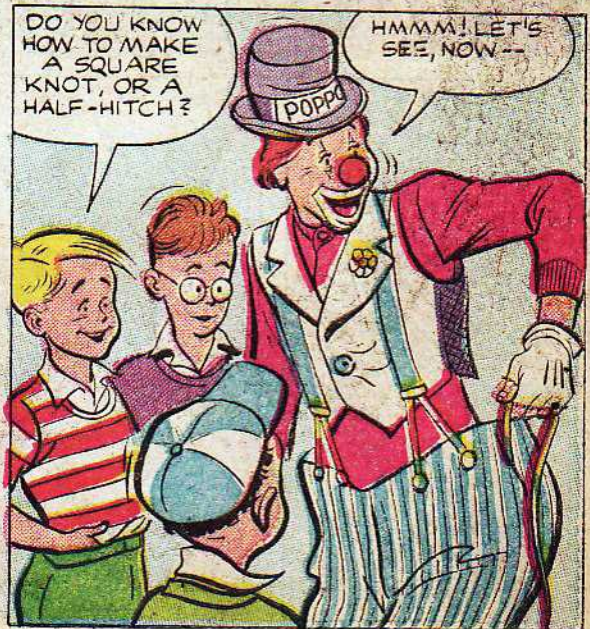
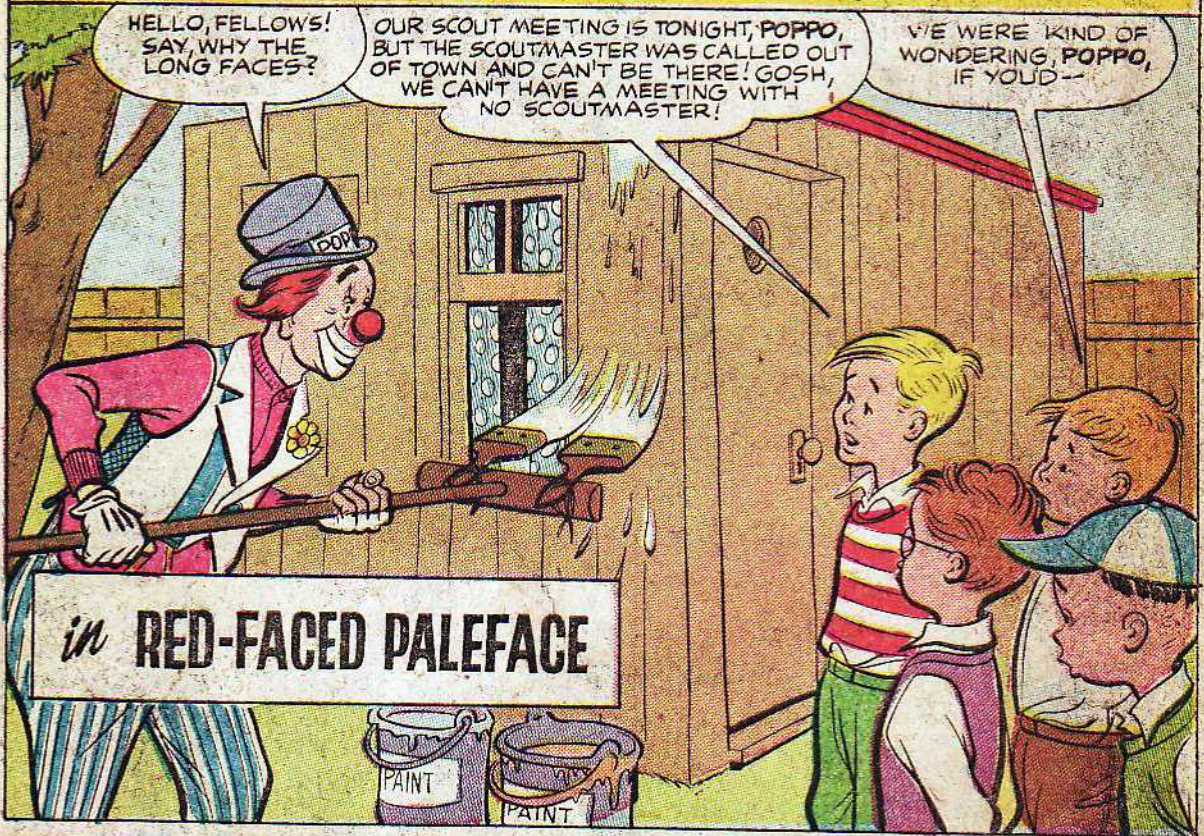


POPPO—THE CLOWN—WHO "CAN'T
HELP LIKING KIDS", HAS TRAVELED
THE WORLD OVER PHOTOGRAPHING
HIS ADVENTURES—THE GREAT ACTS
THAT PLAYED ON THE SAME BILL—
AND COLLECTING PRINTS OF THE
CARTOONS AND COMEDIES THAT
HE ENJOYED. BORN TO THE CIRCUS,
AND THE JOY OF MAKING OTHERS
LAUGH, HIDING HIS OWN SORROWS
SO OTHERS MAY BE HAPPY, HE IS
THE CLOWN OF ALL AGES—FOR ALL
AGES. NOW HE HAS RETIRED FROM
THE CIRCUS, BUT STILL FINDS HIS
REWARDS IN LIFE MAKING OTHERS
LAUGH.

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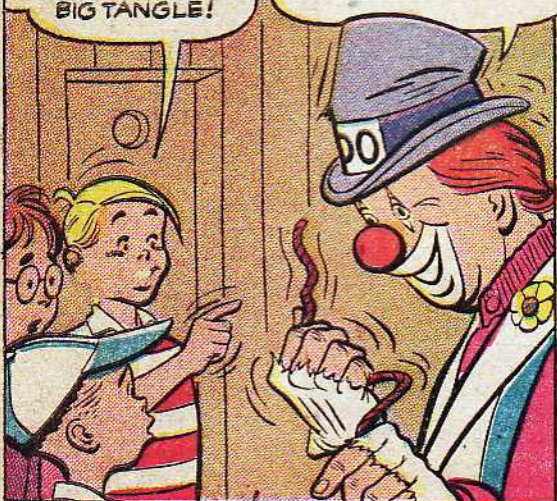
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POPPO the CLOWN



AW, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT! THAT'S NOTHING BUT A BIG TANGLE!

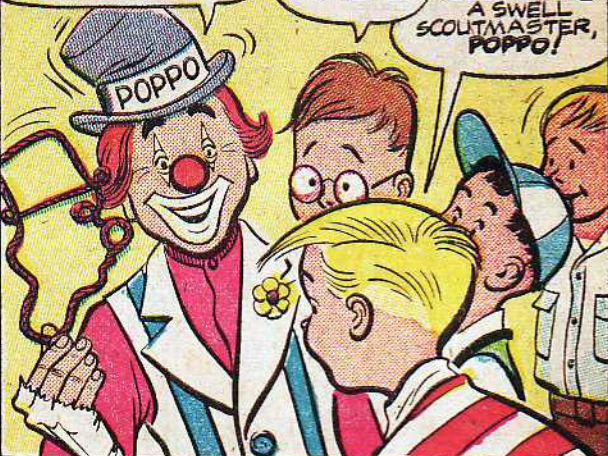
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT MAKING A SQUARE KNOT OR A HALF-HITCH--



BUT SUPPOSE I SHOW YOU A PICTURE OF SOME- BODY WHO'S OFTEN BEEN CALLED A SQUAREHEAD--

GOSH! IT'S A PICTURE OF **POPPO** HIMSELF, IN ROPE!

GEE THAT'S WAY BETTER THAN ORDINARY OLD KNOTS! YOU'LL MAKE A SWELL SCOUTMASTER, **POPPO**!



SO THAT NIGHT, AT THE SCOUT MEETING---

POPPO, YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW US HOW TO MAKE A FIRE BY RUBBING TWO STICKS TOGETHER! THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LEARN!

HOW TO MAKE A FIRE BY--
HMM-- WELL, NOW-- OH, SURE, OF COURSE!



HERE WE ARE--ONE BIG STICK, ONE LITTLE STICK! WE ARE NOW ABOUT TO MAKE FIRE BY RUBBING THEM TOGETHER! NOW, WATCH CLOSELY, AND--



PRESTO!



I'LL BET YOU HAD A MATCH HIDDEN! THAT'S NOT THE SAME STICK!

WELL, NOW, DID I? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RUB TWO BOY SCOUTS TOGETHER!

HA! HA! NO THANKS, **POPPO**!

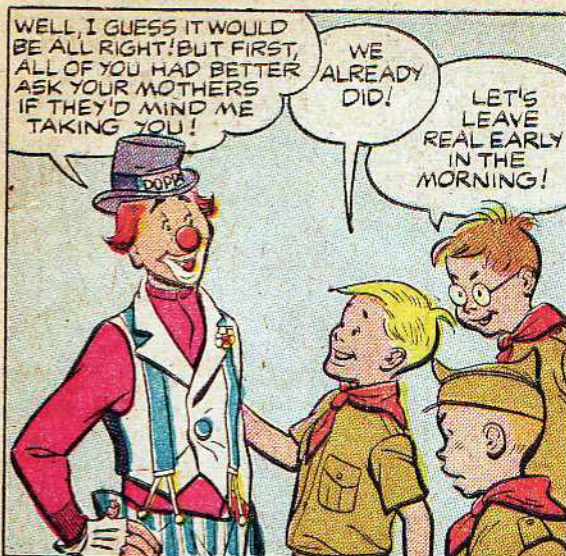


ALL RIGHT, NOW, WE'VE HAD OUR FUN! WHAT DO YOU BOYS REALLY WANT TO DO?

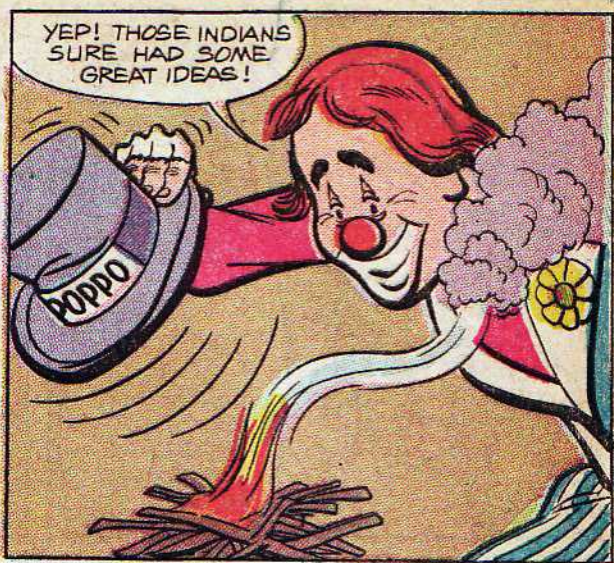
OUR SCOUTMASTER WAS GOING TO TAKE US ON AN OVER-NIGHT CAMPING TRIP TOMORROW, BUT NOW---

WILL YOU TAKE US, **POPPO**?

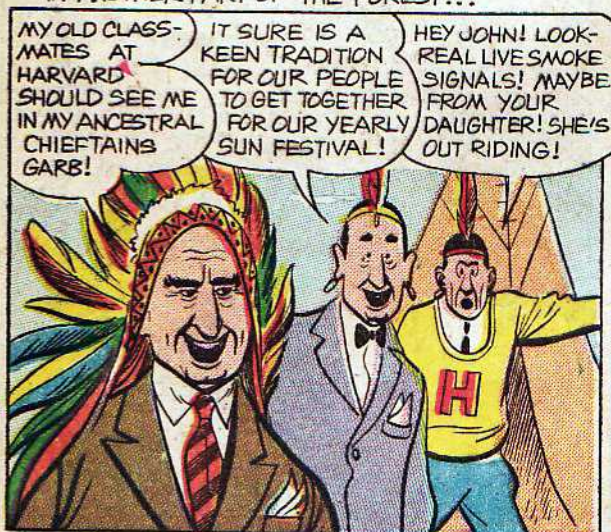








IN ANOTHER PART OF THE FOREST...



MEANWHILE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WOODS...



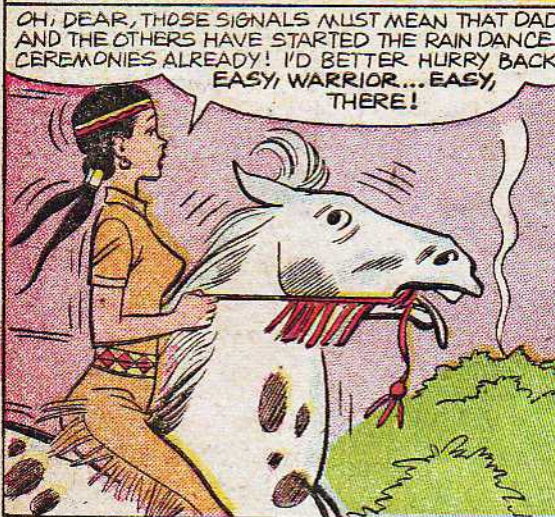
SMOKE SIGNALS! I'LL BET IT'S POPPO TRYING TO SIGNAL US!

WELL, WE CAN PLAY INDIAN TOO! LET'S CHARGE RIGHT INTO HIM WHOOPING AND HOLLERING TO BEAT THE BAND!



LET'S GO, TRIBE!

AND IN STILL ANOTHER PART OF THE WOODS...



OH, DEAR, THOSE SIGNALS MUST MEAN THAT DAD AND THE OTHERS HAVE STARTED THE RAIN DANCE CEREMONIES ALREADY! I'D BETTER HURRY BACK! EASY, WARRIOR... EASY, THERE!

COME ON, WARRIOR! LET'S... WARRIOR! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU...



OooooHH!!



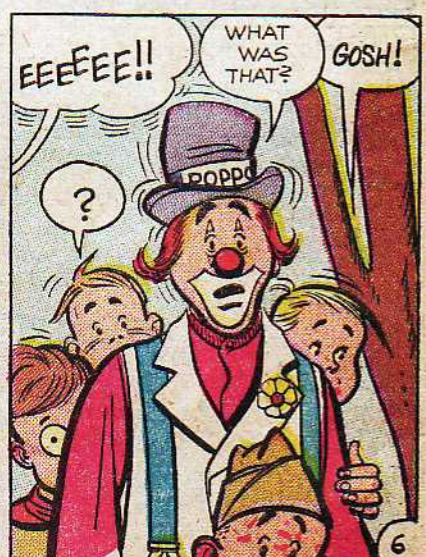
MOUNTAIN LION! AND I'M HELPLESS!



AT THAT MOMENT...

WOO-WOO-WOO! CHARGE! HI-YI-YI-YI! HA, HA! SCARED YOU THAT TIME, DIDN'T WE, POPPO?

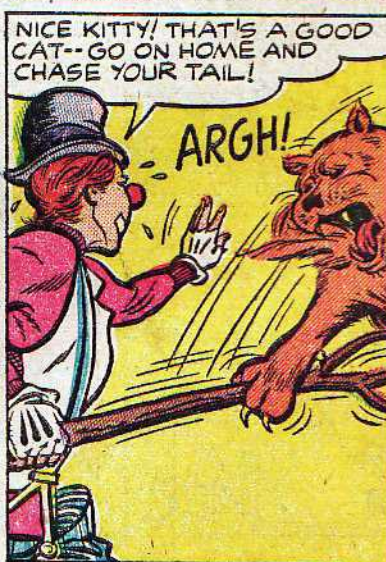
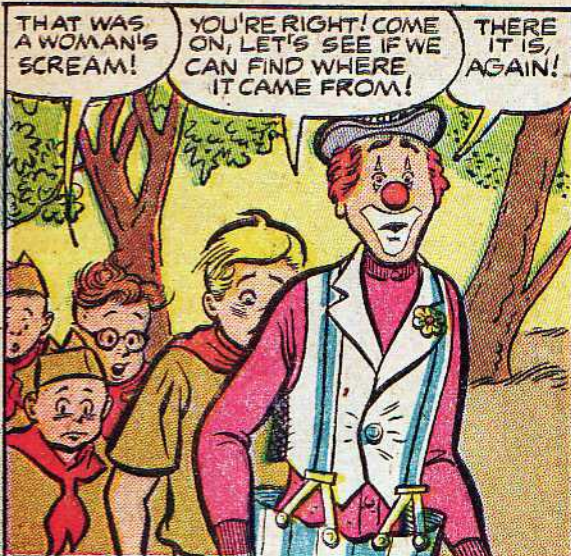
DON'T BE SILLY! ANYBODY KNOWS THERE ARE NO WAR-LIKE INDIANS!

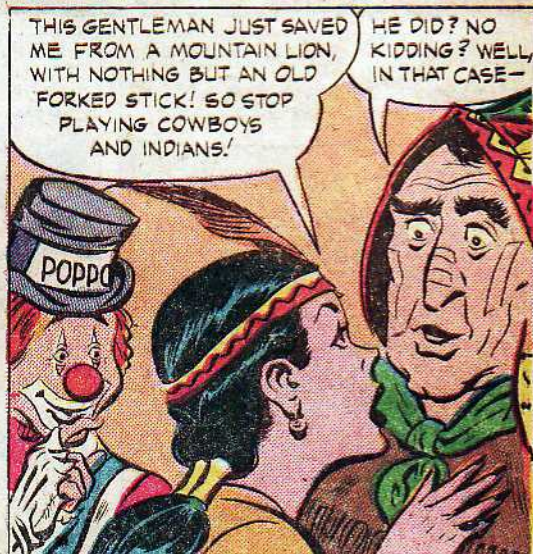
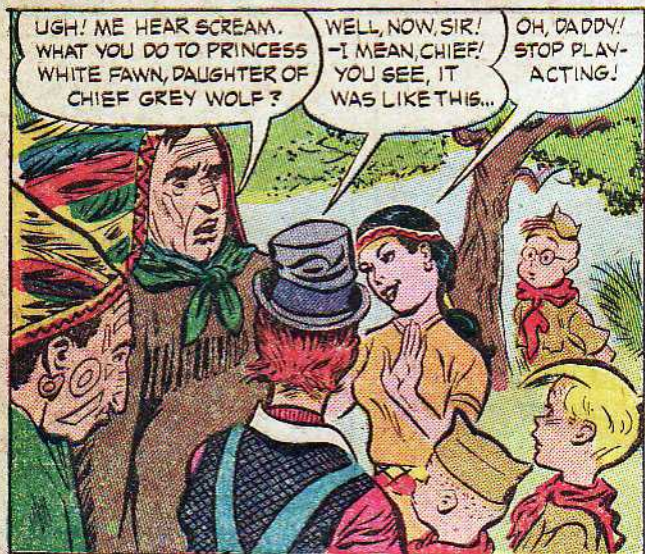


EEEEEE!!

WHAT WAS THAT?

GOSH!





AND ALL THE REST OF YOU, I MAKE LITTLE CHIEFS OF OUR TRIBE!

GEE! THINK OF IT--INDIAN CHIEFS!

I KNEW YOU BOYS WERE WILD INDIANS, BUT THIS MAKES IT OFFICIAL!

POPPO, SHOW THEM YOU CAN DO MAGIC, TOO, LIKE A MEDICINE MAN! SHOW THEM SOME TRICKS!

WELL, ALL RIGHT/I DID NOTICE THAT THE CHIEF HERE CARRIES A LOT OF SPARE EQUIPMENT! HE HAS EXTRA ARROW-HEADS, FOR INSTANCE--

-- WHICH HE KEEPS IN HIS EAR!

WHAT? WHY, I NEVER --- OH! --- YOU FOOLED ME THAT TIME!

AND HE SEEMS TO CARRY A SPARE TOMAHAWK IN HIS COLLAR--

WONDERFUL, POPPO! YOU'VE EVEN GOT ME BELIEVING IT!

--AND IN HIS BONNET HE CARRIES --A WRIT OF HABEUS CORPUSCLE! NOW, THAT CAN'T BE THE CHIEF'S, IT MUST BELONG TO MR. GEORGE WOLF, THE LAWYER!

THAT WAS A GREAT DEMONSTRATION, CHIEF POPPO! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, CHIEF, FOR A WONDERFUL TIME! I'M AFRAID WE'D BETTER BE GETTING BACK TO PITCH CAMP BEFORE IT GETS DARK!

THANK YOU, EVERY BODY! GOOD BYE, CHIEF!

WE SURE ARE HAVING A GREAT TIME, AREN'T WE, POPPO?

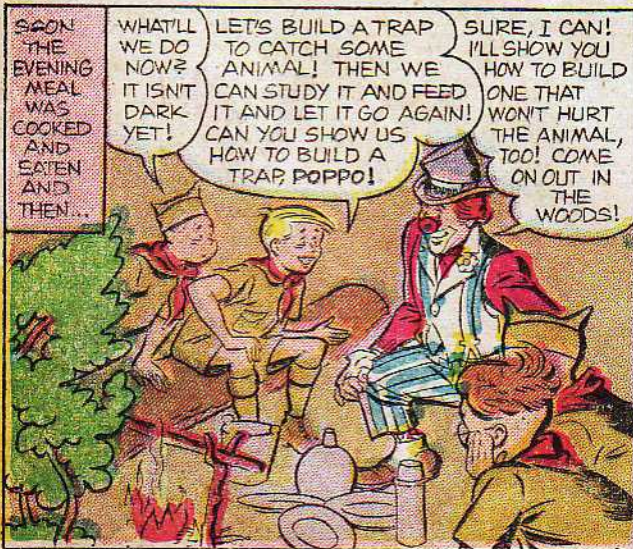
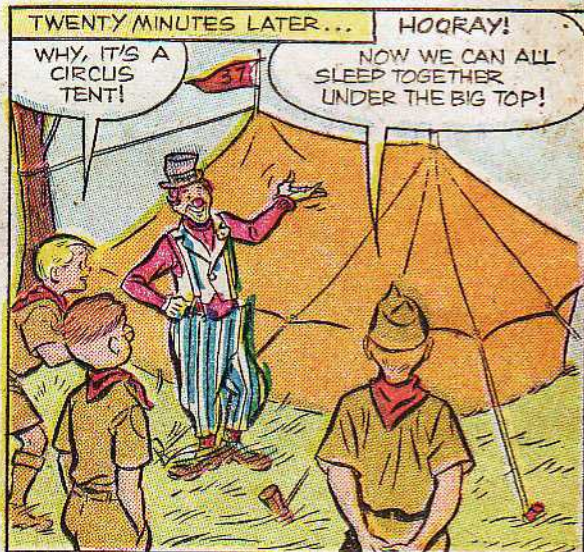
THAT WE ARE, BUMPY, THAT WE ARE!

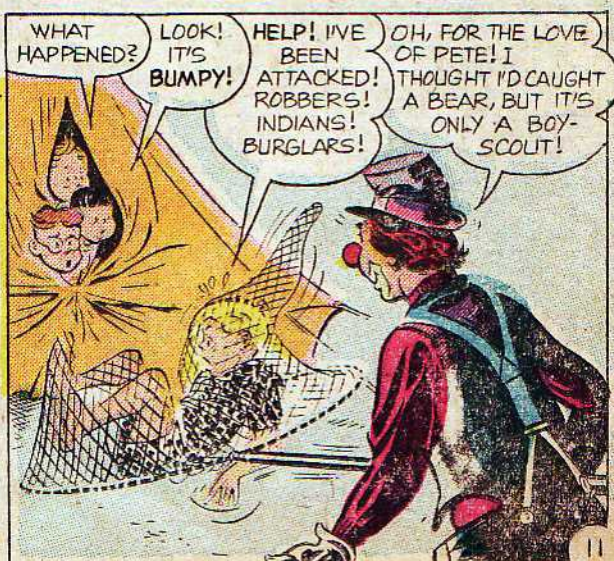
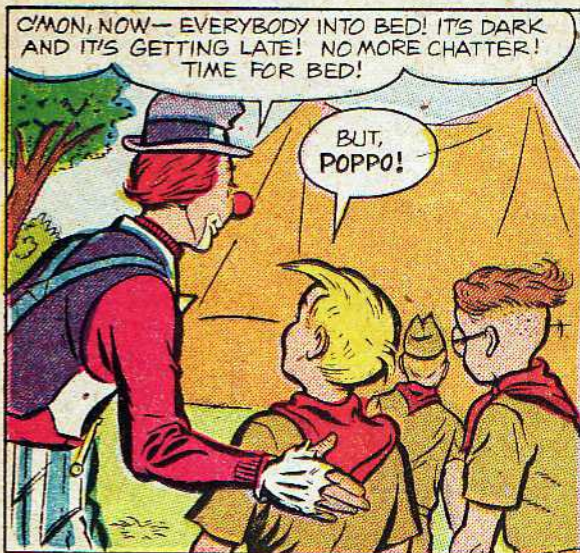
BUT I STILL THINK IT MUST BE ALL A DREAM. NOBODY COULD HAVE SO MANY THINGS HAPPEN TO HIM IN ONE DAY-- NOBODY!



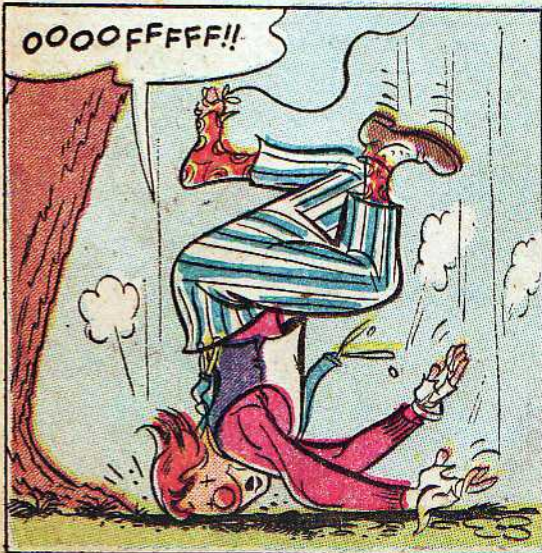
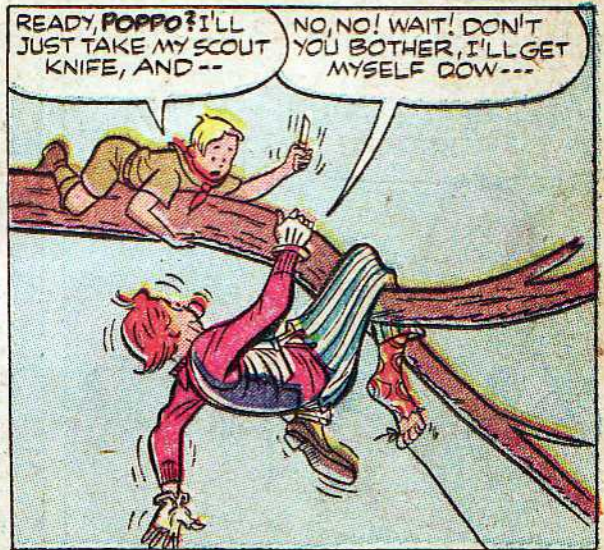
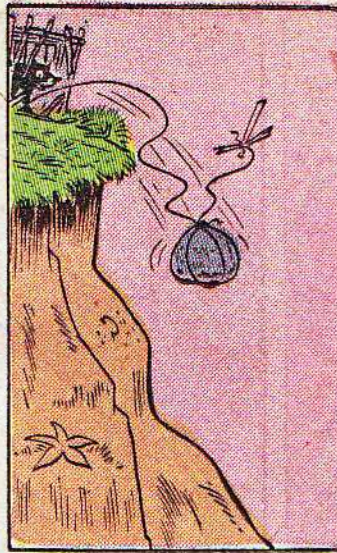
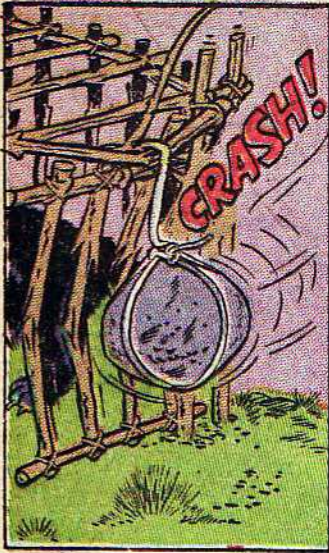
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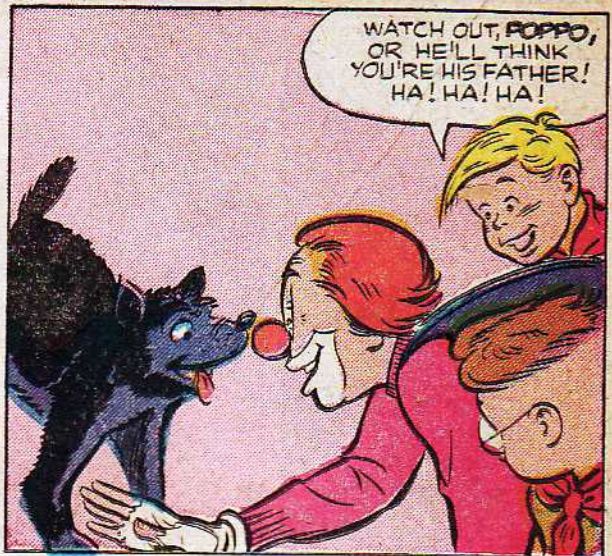
THAT BEAR IS A SOREHEAD

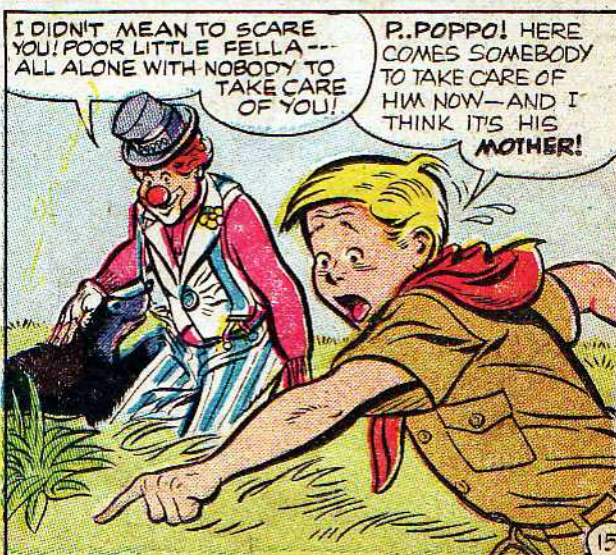
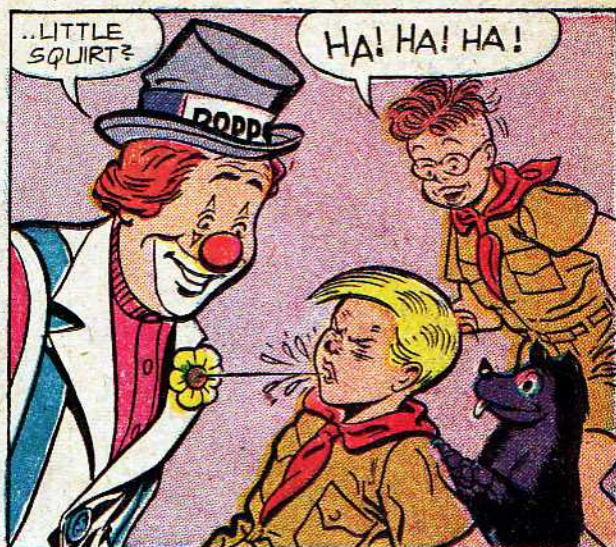


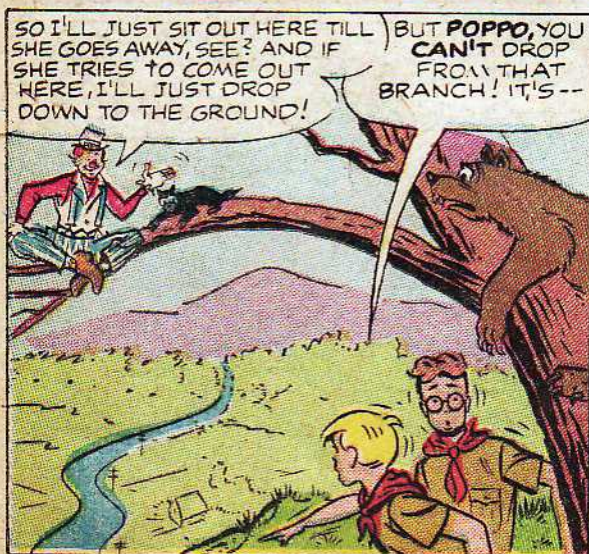


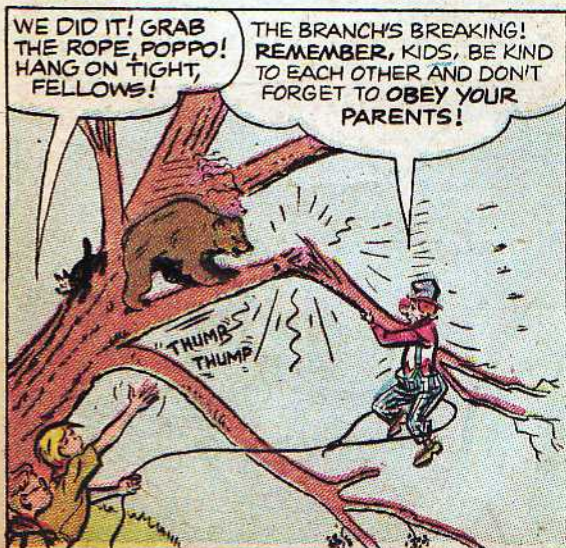


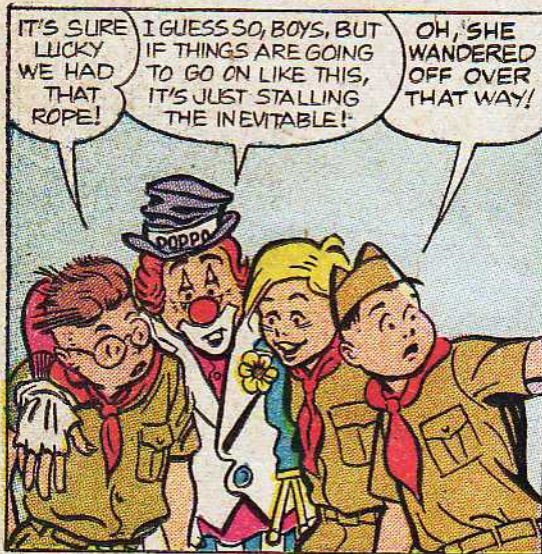












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THE MYSTERIOUS CAVE

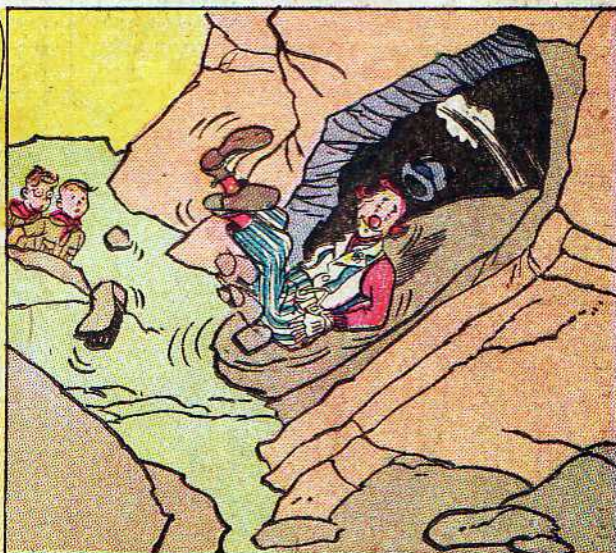
GEE, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A CAVE TO EXPLORE FOR HOURS! I GUESS WE'RE NOT GOING TO FIND ONE!

HOLD YOUR HORSES A MINUTE, BOYS! WHEEW! AFTER THAT MERRY-GO-ROUND WITH THE BEAR, AND ALL THIS CLIMBING, I NEED A REST!



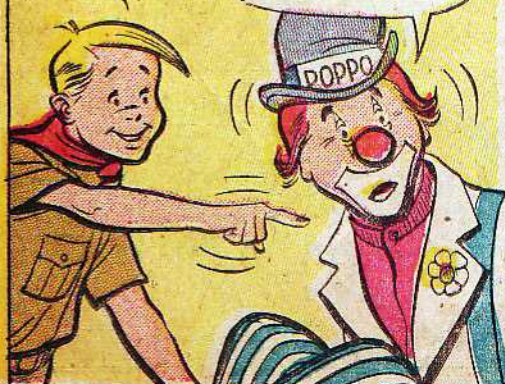
I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP! THERE AREN'T ANY CAVES AROUND HERE!

IT FEELS GOOD TO SIT DOWN EVEN ON A ROCK! WE'LL HEAD BACK TO CAMP AFTER I REST MY POOR ACHING FEE...



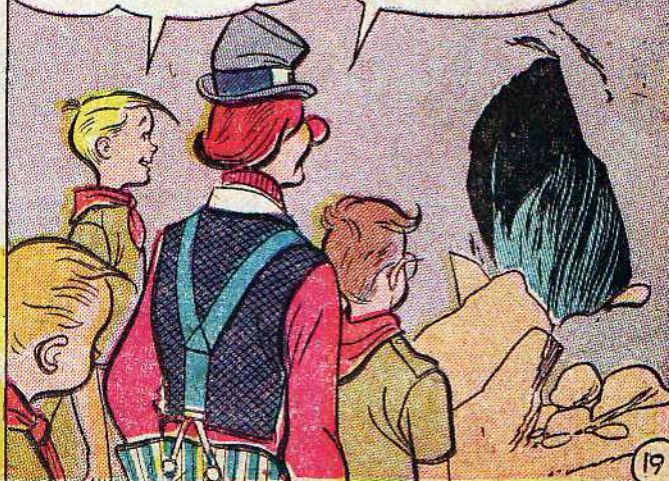
POPPO'S FOUND A CAVE! BOY, WHAT LUCK!

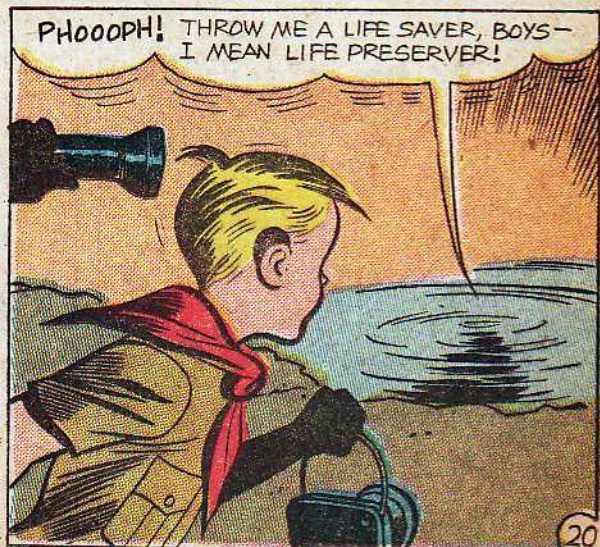
I DIDN'T FIND IT—IT FOUND ME! AND A RIDE DOWN HILL BACKWARDS INTO THE JOWLS OF EARTH ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I'D CALL LUCK!

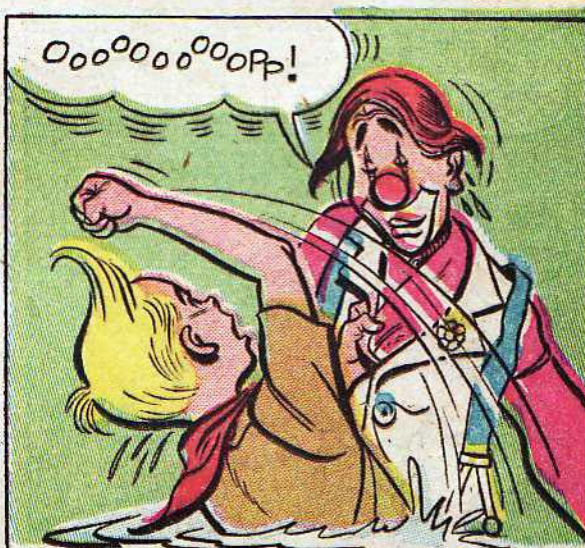
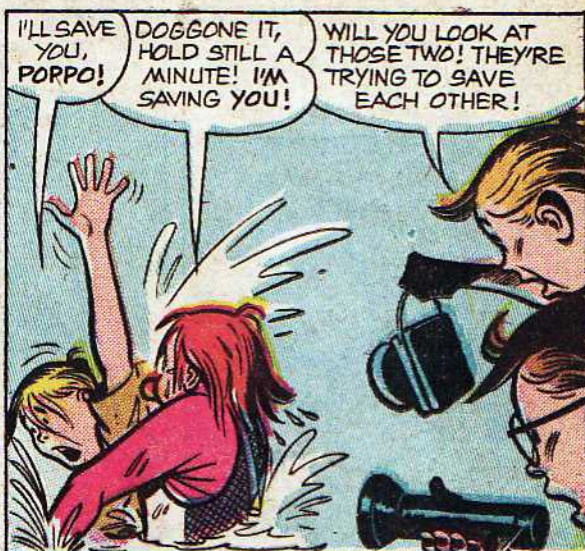
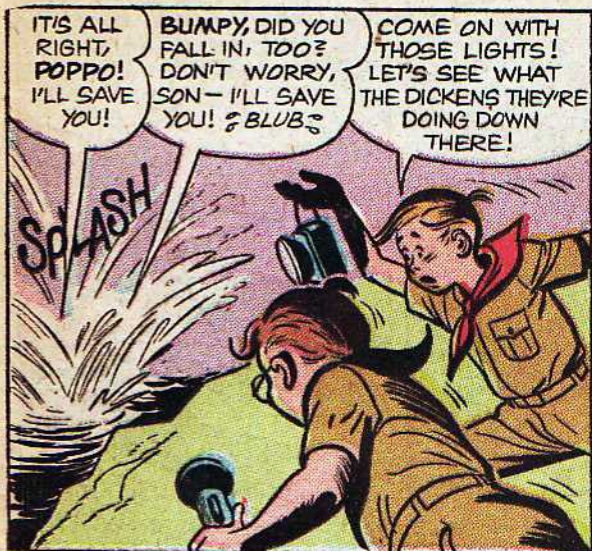


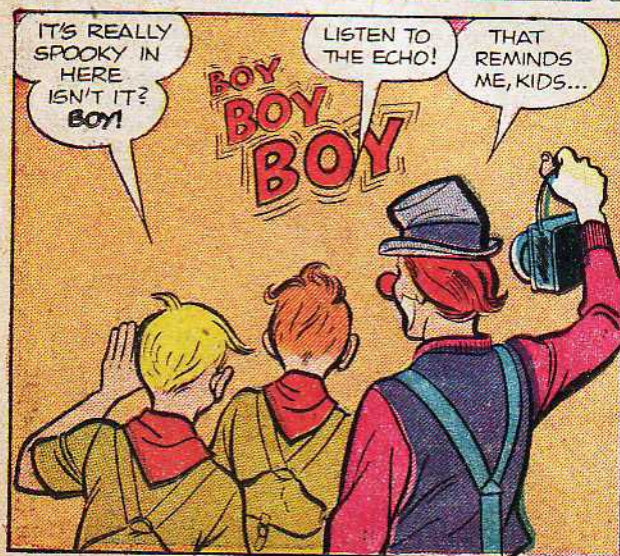
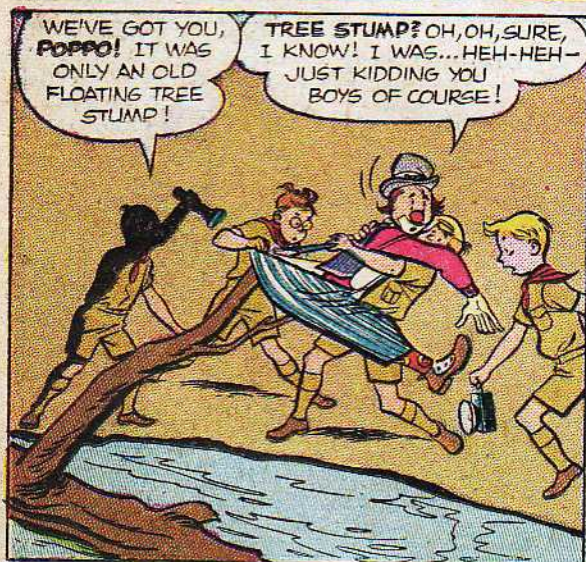
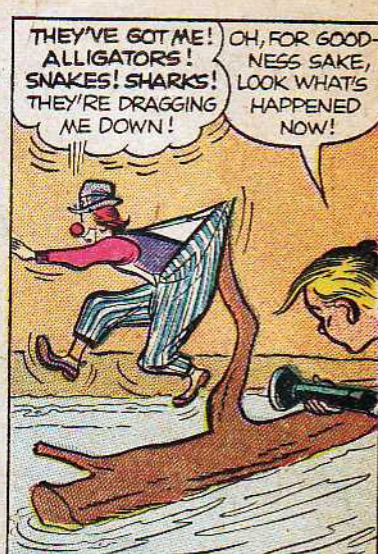
LOOK AT THE TUNNEL! LET'S EXPLORE IT!

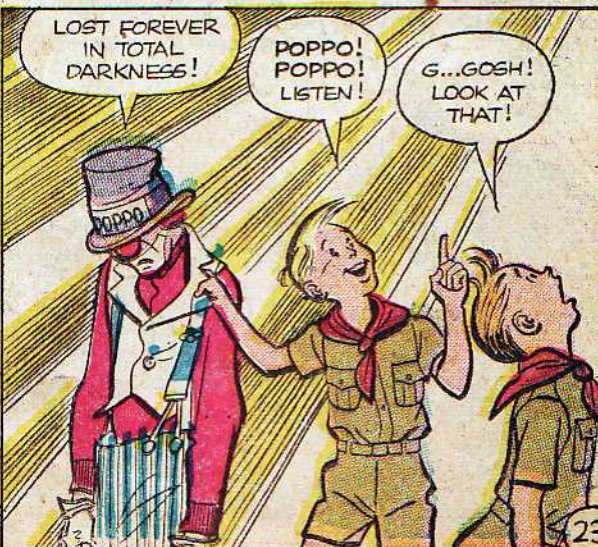
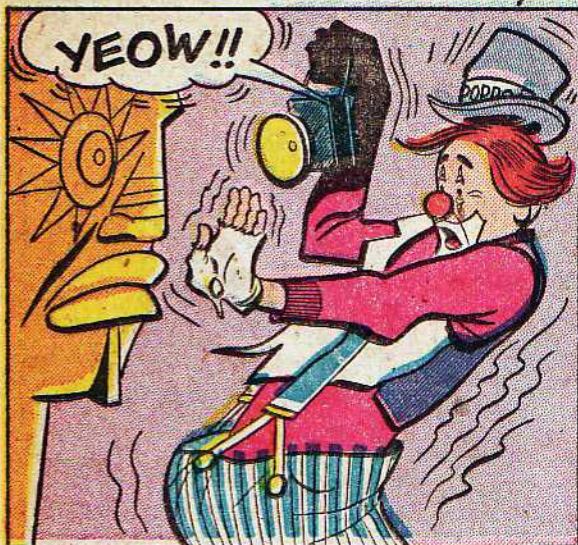
NOT ME! I'M NO SPELUNKER!

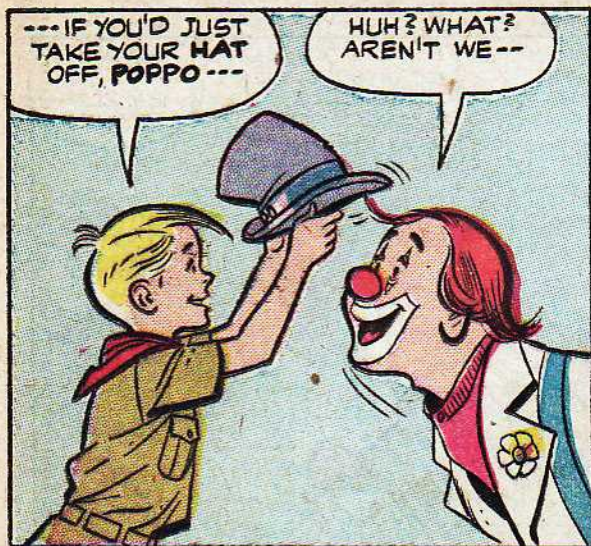




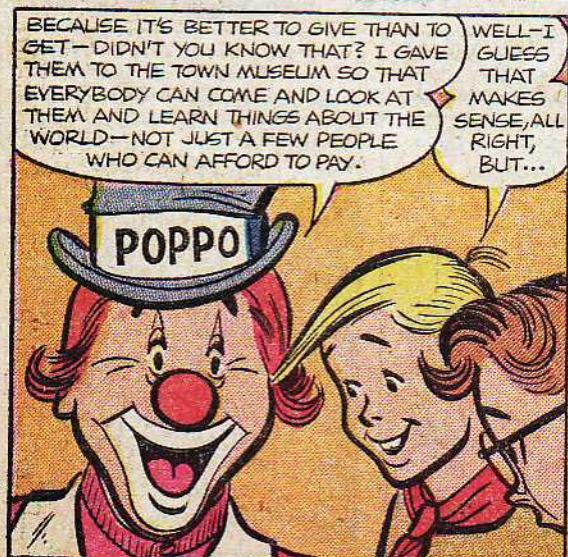
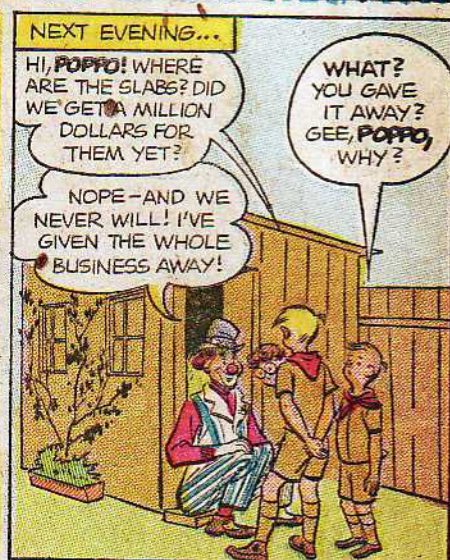
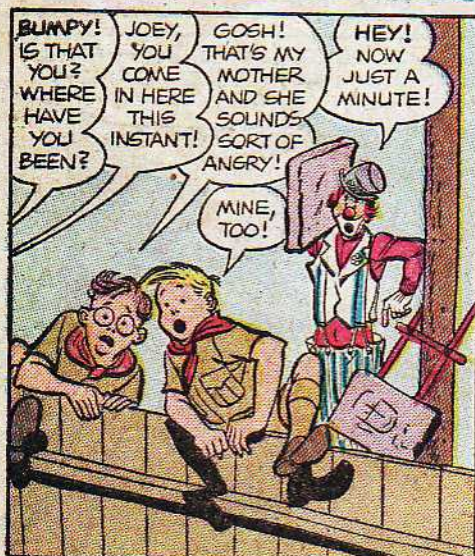


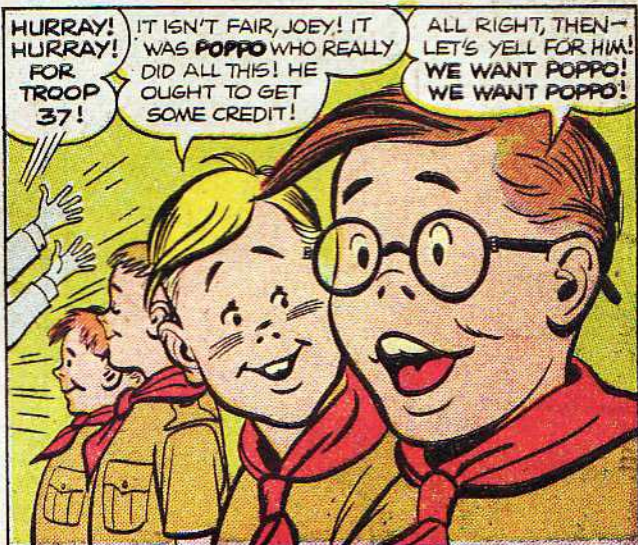


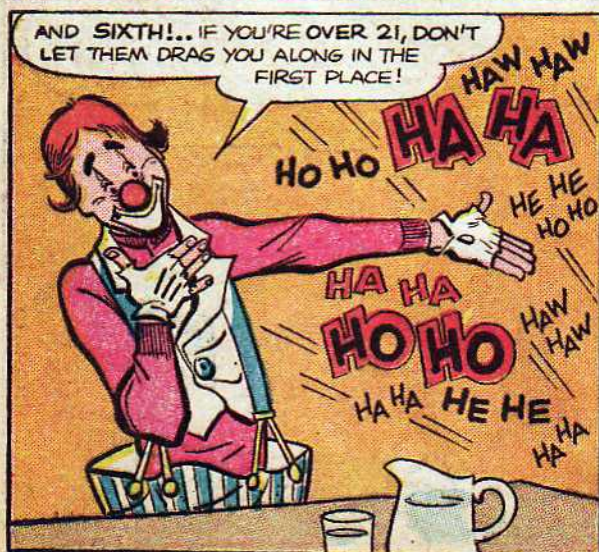
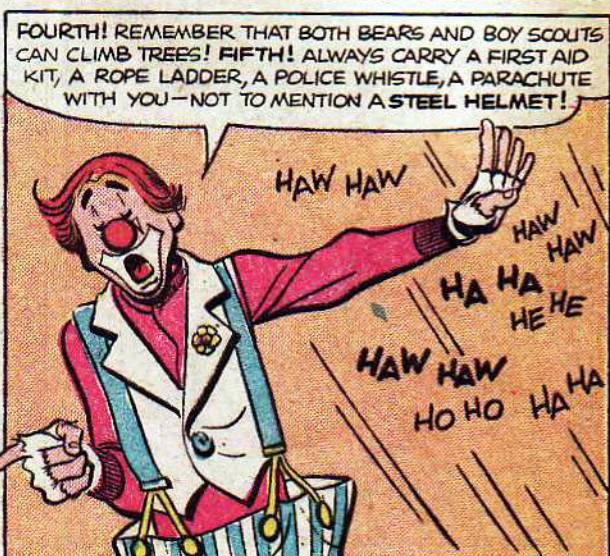












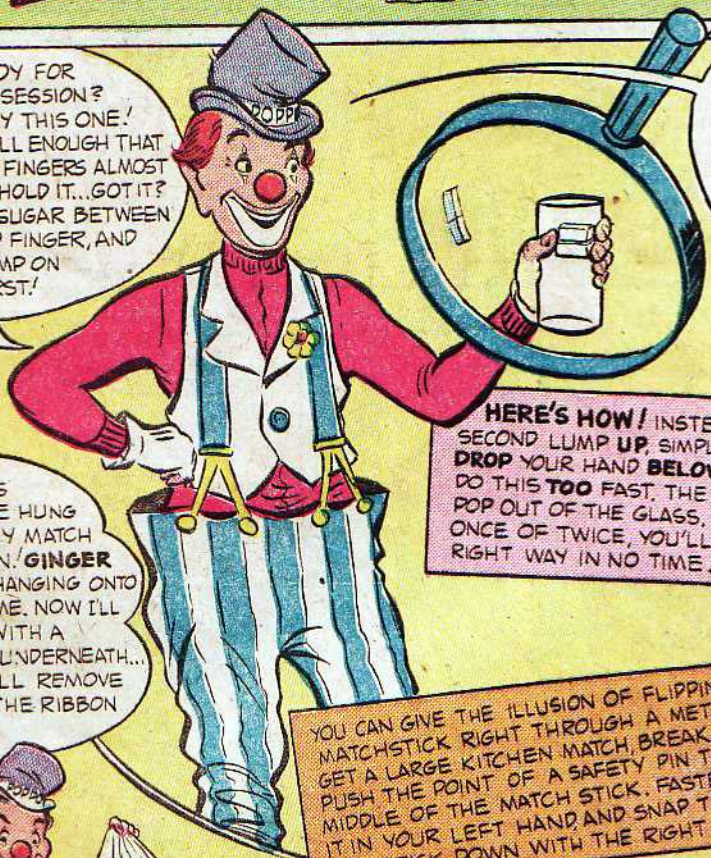
POPPO'S OF CARTFUL TRICKS

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TO CIRCLE

HIYA, KIDS! READY FOR ANOTHER MAGIC SESSION? **GREAT!** LET'S TRY THIS ONE! GET A GLASS SMALL ENOUGH THAT YOUR THUMB AND FINGERS ALMOST MEET WHEN YOU HOLD IT... GOT IT? HOLD A LUMP OF SUGAR BETWEEN YOUR THUMB AND FINGER, AND SET ANOTHER LUMP ON TOP OF THE FIRST!



NOW! FLIP ONE LUMP AFTER ANOTHER INTO THE GLASS! THE **FIRST IS EASY!** BUT WHEN YOU TOSS THE **SECOND**, THE FIRST ONE **FLIES** BACK OUT AGAIN!

SAY, HERE'S ANOTHER! I'VE HUNG AN EMPTY SAFETY MATCH BOX ON A RIBBON. **GINGER** AND **BUMPY** ARE HANGING ONTO THE RIBBON FOR ME. NOW I'LL COVER THE BOX WITH A CLOTH, REACH UP UNDERNEATH... AND **PRESTO!** I'LL REMOVE THE BOX FROM THE RIBBON **MAGICALLY!**

HERE'S HOW! INSTEAD OF TOSSING THE SECOND LUMP **UP**, SIMPLY RELEASE IT AND **DROP** YOUR HAND **BELOW** IT, QUICKLY, IF YOU DO THIS **TOO FAST**, THE FIRST LUMP MAY POP OUT OF THE GLASS, BUT IF YOU PRACTICE ONCE OR TWICE, YOU'LL CATCH ONTO THE RIGHT WAY IN NO TIME! **STEADY DOES IT!**

YOU CAN GIVE THE ILLUSION OF FLIPPING A WOODEN MATCHSTICK RIGHT THROUGH A METAL SAFETY PIN! GET A LARGE KITCHEN MATCH, BREAK OFF THE HEAD AND PUSH THE POINT OF A SAFETY PIN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE MATCH STICK, FASTEN THE PIN, HOLD IT IN YOUR LEFT HAND AND SNAP THE NEAR END OF THE STICK DOWN WITH THE RIGHT HAND!



HERE'S HOW! PREPARE A BOX IN ADVANCE BY OPENING THE BOX COVER'S OVERLAP AS SHOW IN DIAGRAM "A". STICK A LITTLE PIECE OF GUM OR WAX TO THE SIDE OF THE BOX. REACH UNDER THE CLOTH, LIFT THE OVERLAP FREE THE BOX, PRESS THE OVERLAP BACK INTO PLACE AND PRODUCE THE BOX! BOW TO YOUR WILDLY CHEERING AUDIENCE!

THE STICK WILL SEEM TO TURN ON THE PIN, WITH THE FAR END PASSING RIGHT THROUGH THE UPPER BAR OF THE SAFETY PIN! **ACTUALLY**, THE STICK **HITS** THE BAR AND **REBOUNDS!** BUT THE ACTION IS SO QUICK, THAT HUMAN EYES CANNOT FOLLOW THE EXACT MOVEMENT!

CARTFUL of TRICKS



CROWD IN CLOSE FOR THIS ONE! I TAKE A LARGE DOMINO AND PLACE IT IN A MATCHBOX. IT FITS EXACTLY. THE MATCHBOX IN MY OTHER HAND IS EMPTY—SEE? NOW, I CLOSE BOTH BOXES, HOLD THEM WIDE APART, AND WITH A MAGICAL GESTURE, I'LL MAKE THE DOMINO PASS FROM ONE BOX TO THE OTHER!

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED. ONE MATCHBOX HAS A LABEL ON BOTH ITS TOP AND BOTTOM! ON THE BOTTOM OF ITS SLIDING DRAWER, PASTE A PIECE OF PAPER WITH SPOTS ON IT! MAKE IT LOOK AS MUCH LIKE THE REAL DOMINO AS YOU CAN! NOW! (1) PLACE REAL DOMINO IN ORDINARY BOX AND SHOW OTHER BOX EMPTY. (2) SET BOXES ON TABLE BUT SECRETLY TURN TRICK BOX OVER. (3) HOLD BOXES UP, ONE IN EACH HAND AND PUSH DRAWER OF EMPTY TRICK BOX PARTLY OPEN, SO AUDIENCE SEES IMITATION DOMINO AND IMAGINES THE OTHER BOX IS EMPTY. (4) AS YOU SPEAK A MAGIC COMMAND, TURN EMPTY BOX AROUND IN YOUR PALM. (5) OPEN IT...EMPTY! (6) OPEN THE OTHER...THE DOMINO DROPS OUT!

DO YOU WANT TO FEEL A STRANGE SENSATION OF YOUR ARMS RISING UP BY ITSELF, ALTHOUGH YOU AREN'T LIFTING IT ON PURPOSE?

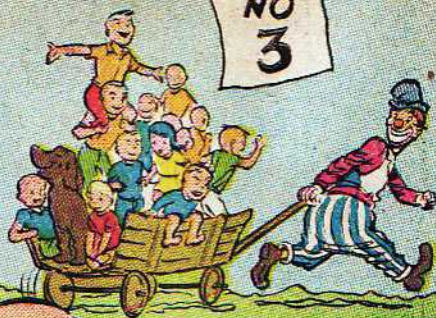
ASK SOMEONE TO TAKE A CARD, LOOK AT IT, AND THEN REPLACE IT IN THE DECK. ALTHOUGH YOU DIDN'T SEE THE CHOSEN CARD, YOU CAN NOW PICK IT OUT AT A GLANCE!

PLACE YOUR ARM FLAT AGAINST A DOORJAMB OR A WALL AND REST YOUR FULL WEIGHT AGAINST IT WHILE YOU COUNT SLOWLY TO 20. STEP AWAY FROM THE WALL, AND RELAX YOUR ARM COMPLETELY. IT WILL FLOAT GENTLY UPWARDS! **WOW!**

BEFORE DOING THE TRICK, SEPARATE ALL THE RED CARDS FROM THE BLACK SO THAT THE TOP OF THE DECK IS ONE COLOR, AND THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE DECK IS ONE COLOR, AND THE OTHER HALF OF THE DECK IS PICKED, NOTICE WHICH COLOR IT IS WHEN THE CARD IS PICKED. THEN MAKE SURE IT IS REPLACED IN THE OPPOSITE HALF. NOW YOU SIMPLY NEED TO FIND THE ONE CARD THAT DOESN'T CORRESPOND IN COLOR WITH ITS NEIGHBORS!

CARTFUL of TRICKS

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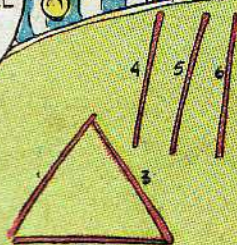


SAY, HERCULES,
YOU LOOK PRETTY STRONG!
LET'S SEE YOU TAKE HOLD
OF MY WRIST AND LIFT
MY HAND OFF MY
HEAD!

YOU
BET!

THIS WILL MAKE THEM THINK YOU'RE
EITHER AN IRON MAN OR THAT YOU HAVE GLUE IN
YOUR HAIR! SIT ON A CHAIR AND PUT YOUR HAND
ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD. **PRESS HARD!** NO MATTER
HOW HARD YOUR FRIEND LIFTS USING ONLY ONE HAND
HOWEVER, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BUDGE YOUR HAND!

LAY THREE TOOTH-
PICKS OUT IN THE SHAPE
OF A TRIANGLE! NOW
CHALLENGE ANYONE TO MAKE
A TOTAL OF 4 TRIANGLES, ALL
THE SAME SIZE AND SHAPE
AS THE FIRST, BY ADDING
ONLY **THREE** MORE
TOOTHPICKS!



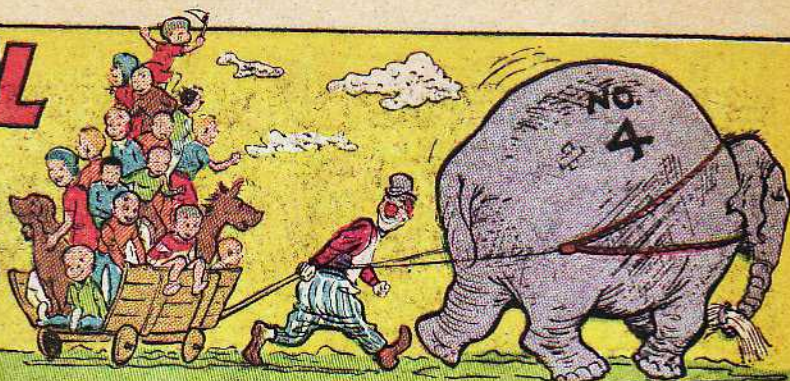
DRAW TWO
STARS AND A CIRCLE
ON A PIECE OF PAPER.
TEAR THE PAPER INTO
THREE PARTS AND DROP
THEM INTO A HAT! YOU
CAN PICK OUT EITHER A
STAR OR A CIRCLE AT
WILL, EVEN THOUGH
YOU ARE BLIND-
FOLDED!



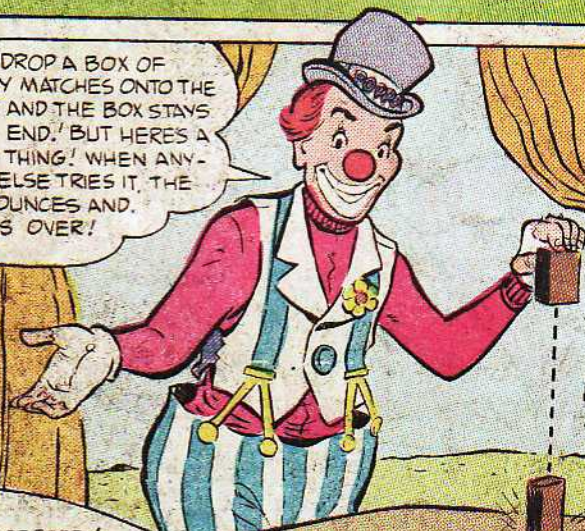
EVERYONE WILL TRY TO SOLVE THIS BY LAYING THE EXTRA
TOOTHPICKS **ALONGSIDE** THE FIRST TRIANGLE! WHEN
THEY GIVE UP, YOU CASUALLY ERECT YOUR THREE TOOTH-
PICKS IN THE SHAPE OF A THREE SIDED TENT **OVER** THE
FIRST TRIANGLE! THREE PLUS ONE EQUALS FOUR!

HERE'S HOW! THE PIECE WITH THE CIRCLE
HAS **TWO** RAGGED EDGES... THE PIECES
WITH THE STARS HAVE ONLY **ONE**!

CARTFUL OF TRICKS

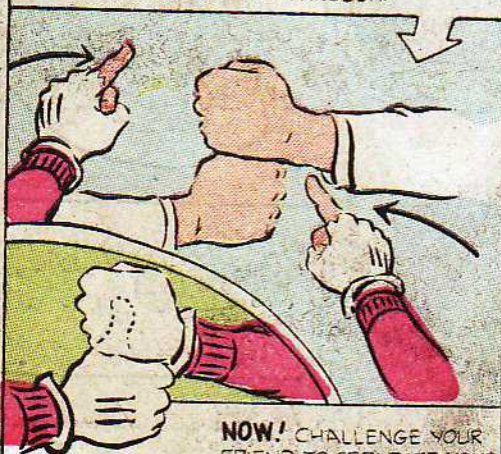


I CAN DROP A BOX OF SAFETY MATCHES ONTO THE TABLE AND THE BOX STAYS UP ON END! BUT HERES A FUNNY THING! WHEN ANYBODY ELSE TRIES IT, THE BOX BOUNCES AND FALLS OVER!



POPPO DOESN'T HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT! BUT HE **DOES** HAVE A HIDDEN TRICK! SEE HOW HE HOLDS THE BOX AT THE TOP END? WITH THE OTHER HAND, HE PUSHES THE **DRAWER** UPWARD, CONCEALING IT BEHIND THE FINGERS THAT GRIP THE BOX. WHEN THE BOX HITS THE TABLE, THE DRAWER SLIDES SHUT FROM THE IMPACT, PREVENTING THE BOX FROM BOUNCING. BE SURE THE BOX IS FAIRLY FULL SO THAT IT CARRIES ENOUGH WEIGHT. A LITTLE PRACTICE WILL SHOW YOU THE BEST HEIGHT TO DROP THE BOX FROM!

ANOTHER OF **POPPO'S** STRONG MAN STUNTS! GET A FRIEND TO PLACE HIS LEFT FIST OVER HIS RIGHT. AND TELL HIM YOU WILL KNOCK HIS FISTS APART WITH YOUR INDEX FINGERS. HIT HIS TOP FIST WITH YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER AND HIS BOTTOM FIST WITH YOUR RIGHT INDEX FINGER. DO THIS FIRMLY, WITH STRONG FOLLOW-THROUGH!



NOW! CHALLENGE YOUR FRIEND TO SEPARATE YOUR FISTS! SECRETLY GRIP THE THUMB OF YOUR LOWER HAND WITH YOUR UPPER FIST! YOUR FRIEND WILL NEVER GET YOUR FISTS APART!

THAT'S ALL THE MAGIC FOR THIS ISSUE, KIDS! SO I'M STEPPING OUT FOR THE EVENING! HMM... I'D BETTER HAVE A FRESH FLOWER FOR MY VEST!



PRESTO!! THERE WE ARE! SNAPPY, HUH? SO LONG! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

POPPO'S FLOWER IS FASTENED TO A SHORT PIECE OF ELASTIC SEWED TO HIS BUTTON HOLE. THE FLOWER IS PULLED BACK AND CONCEALED AT HIS ARMPIT. **POPPO** SIMPLY RAISES HIS ARM AND SNAPS HIS FINGERS. **PING!** A BOUTONNIERE!

HOW TO BE VERY POPULAR!



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